

RECEIVED  
FEDERAL ELECTION  
COMMISSION

7:33 PM 17 JUN 16-01

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION CELA

In the Matter of )  
 ) MURs 6724 and Pre-MUR 560  
Bachmann for President and Nancy H. )  
Watkins in her official capacity as )  
treasurer; Many Individual Conservatives )  
Helping Elect Leaders Everywhere )  
(MichelePAC) and Barry Arrington in his )  
official capacity as treasurer; C&M )  
Strategies, Inc.; Guy Short; Kent )  
Sorenson; National Fiscal Conservative )  
PAC and Gerald Weygandt in his official )  
capacity as treasurer )

CERTIFICATION

I, Shelley E. Garr, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on June 16, 2016, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to:
  - a. Open a MUR in Pre-MUR 560.
  - b. Merge the new MUR into MUR 6724.
  - c. Find reason to believe Bachmann for President and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)).
  - d. Find no reason to believe Nancy H. Watkins in her individual capacity violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)).
  - e. Find reason to believe Many Individual Conservatives Helping Elect Leaders Everywhere PAC and Barry Arrington in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)).

MUR # 7089

- 1  
7  
0  
4  
4  
4  
2  
2  
7  
6  
8
- f. Find no reason to believe Kent Sorenson violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)).
  - g. Find reason to believe Many Individual Conservatives Helping Elect Leaders Everywhere PAC and Barry Arrington in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a)(2)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(A)) by making excessive in-kind contributions to Bachmann for President.
  - h. Find reason to believe Bachmann for President and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f)) by knowingly accepting excessive in-kind contributions made by MichelePAC.
  - i. Find no reason to believe Guy Short violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f)) by knowingly accepting excessive in-kind contributions made by MichelePAC.
  - j. Find reason to believe Bachmann for President and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(2)(D) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2)(D)) by failing to properly disclose in-kind contributions from MichelePAC.
  - k. Take no action against C&M Strategies, Inc.
  - l. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Goodman was recused and did not vote.

- 2. Failed by a vote of 3-2 to:
  - a. Find reason to believe that National Fiscal Conservative PAC and Gerald Weygandt in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C §§ 30116(a) or 30118(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a) or 441b(a)) by making an excessive or prohibited in-kind contribution to Bachmann for President in the form of a coordinated communication.
  - b. Find reason to believe Bachmann for President and Nancy H. Watkins in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) or 30118 (formerly 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) or 441b) by receiving an excessive or prohibited in-kind contribution from National Fiscal Conservative PAC in the form of a coordinated communication.

- c. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft appropriate Factual and Legal Analyses.
- d. Authorize compulsory process.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented. Commissioner Goodman was recused and did not vote.

- 3. Failed by a vote of 3-2 to:
  - a. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated August 26, 2014 with respect to Recommendations 1-10 and 13.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented. Commissioner Goodman was recused and did not vote.

- 4. Decided by a vote of 5-0 to
  - a. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated August 26, 2014 subject to the edits circulated by the Republican Commissioners on June 14, 2016 at 11:13 A.M. except for the portions relating to Recommendations 11 and 12.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Goodman was recused and did not vote.

Attest:

June 17, 2016  
Date

Shelley E. Garr  
Shelley E. Garr  
Deputy Secretary of the Commission

17047422799